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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9077

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMCONSUL PORT MORESBY

AMEMBASSY SUVA

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL PROJECT VISIT ENROUTE TO
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) ANNUAL MEETING

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1. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME DELEGATION VISIT TO KOTA
KINABALU (KK). FOLLOWING INFORMATION TRANSMITTED AS
REQUESTED PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL. HOTELS JESSELTON AND
CAPITAL (NOT IN LUXURY CLASS BUT ADEQUATE) COULD TO-
GETHER MAKE AVAILABLE TWENTY DOUBLE ROOMS IF FIRM REQUEST
MADE SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE. FORTY SINGLES NOT
REALISTIC POSSIBILITY. HOTELS ARE TWO SHORT BLOCKS
APART IN DOWNTOWN KK.

2. KK AIRPORT IS ONLY ONE IN EAST MALAYSIA THAT CAN
HANDLE BOEING 707 AIRCRAFT BUT PERMISSION MUST BE OB-
TAINED TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE BECAUSE OF LIMITED APRON
SPACE.

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3. IMMIGRATION INFORMS EMBASSY VISAS NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED.

4. TRANSPORTATION (MORE THAN 40 SEATS) AVAILABLE FROM PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES.

5. VISIT TO SANDAKAN PROJECTS DIFFICULT SINCE AIRPORT WILL NOT HANDLE BOEING 707 AND SANDAKAN IS ABOUT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY HARD MILES ONE WAY BY ROAD FROM KK. PORT PROJECT LOCATED IN KK WHICH IS NOW IN PILING AND LANDFILL STAGE AND COULD BE SATISFACTORILY TOURED IN ABOUT ONE HOUR. SABAH ELECTRICITY (ADB) SITUATED 120 ROUGH MILES BY ROAD FROM KK, 70 MILES BY RAIL. ROUND-TRIP PLUS TOUR OF ELECTRICITY FACILITY WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE 6 - 8 HOURS. EMBASSY BELIEVES LOCAL OFFICIALS WOULD PUT ON FRIENDLY BRIEFING AND TOURS OF PROJECTS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY PROMPTLY OF DECISION RE POSSIBLE VISIT TO PERMIT NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. UNDERHILL

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